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Mr. Paul Dabbs, Supervising Engineer  
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Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Subject: Preparation of Bulletin 160-2003  
California Water Plan Update

The City of San Diego is very interested in being a significant participant in the 2003 update of Bulletin 160. To that end we are herewith submitting written comments. In addition, we formally request that the City of San Diego have a representative on the Advisory Committee. We believe a San Diego representative can bring a unique set of experiences and focused regional insight to the California Water Plan. The Southern District is so large it is imperative to have a San Diego representative on the Advisory Committee to have our particular views incorporated into this document.

In the future please send all information regarding the Bulletin 160 update to:

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Regarding specific comments for scoping purposes, listed below are some issues important to the City of San Diego that we feel should be addressed in the California Water Plan Update.

- The role water recycling could play in addressing California's water needs. The articulation of policy positions that facilitate water recycling's role as a major water supply.



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- The impact of the commoditization of the water business in California. The role private entities can play in developing reliable water supply. Private investment and involvement as a water management strategy.
- The impact of setting a statewide wheeling policy. Articulation of policy positions to facilitate the formation of a statewide wheeling policy.
- The impact of cost effective membrane desalination technology and the role of brackish/seawater desalting on the state's water supply.
- The potential of bi-national cooperation with Mexico to increase supplies and reliability.
- The impact of a watershed management based approach to water resources management.

We acknowledge that there are many other issues that Bulletin 160 will address but these are of critical importance to San Diego.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. We look forward to being an integral part of this process.

Sincerely,



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Water Department Director

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